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## **Rockland Barn Fire Arson**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Rockland Fire Chief J. Michael Sammon said their joint investigation into the June 4, 2008 barn fire at 425 Hingham Street in Rockland has concluded that the fire was intentionally set.

Coan said, "I would ask the public if they have any information about this fire to call the fire department, the police department or the confidential Arson Hotline at 1-800-682-9229."

The Arson Hotline is part of the statewide Arson Watch Reward Program sponsored by the property and casualty insurance companies in Massachusetts. It provides rewards of up to \$5,000 to solve the crime of arson.

Chief Sammon said, "I want to commend the Rockland and mutual aid firefighters for their suppression efforts and thank the Hingham, Abington and Hanover Fire Departments for their help last night."

The fire is being jointly investigated by the Rockland Fire Department, Rockland Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.